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SUBJECT:TRADE UNION MEETING ON SAHEL PROBLEMS.

1. SAHEL TRADE UNIONS ARE HOLDING TWO-PART MEETING IN NOUAKCHOTT TO DISCUSS TRADE UNION COOPERATIVE APPROACH TO SAHEL PROBLEMS. CONFERENCE GREW OUT OF MEETING OF SAHEL UNION REPS AT AFL-CIO CONVENTION IN LOS ANGELES. STUDY TEAM OF SOW MOUSSA DEMBA, MAURITANIAN UTM SEC GEN, AND UNNAMED MALI REP CURRENTLY TOURING SAHEL CAPITALS TO COMPLETE ARRANGEMENTS.

2. PRE-CONFERENCE MEETING OF TWO REPS EACH OF THE FOUR NATIONAL FEDERATIONS REPRESENTED AT AFL-CIO CONVENTION, UNCLASSIFIED

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SENEGAL, MAURITANIA, NIGER, MALI, WILL BE HELD MARCH 16-18. FULL CONFERENCE WILL HAVE THREE REPS FROM EACH OF THE ABOVE FEDERATIONS PLUS FOUR REPS FROM UPPER VOLTA (ONE FROM EACH FOUR DIFFERENT FEDERATIONS) PLUS POSSIBLE PARTICIPANTS, UNKNOWN AT PRESENT, FROM CHAD. DAVID BROMBART OF AFRICAN-AMERICAN LABOR CENTER (AALC) WILL BE PRESENT MARCH 17-22 AND PAT O'FARRELL, AALC EXEC DIRECTOR MARCH 20-22. AALC

STATES THERE WILL BE NO OTHER PARTICIPANTS OR OBSERVERS.

3. FYI: CONFERENCE IS AT INITIATIVE OF AFRICAN LOS ANGELES
VISITORS WHO ARE HOPEFUL OF DESIGNING AN ASSISTANCE

PROGRAM IN WHICH AALC COULD ASSIST. WHILE AALC IS AIDING
WITH SOME OF THE CONFERENCE FUNDING, O'FARRELL MAINTAINS
NO RPT NO COMMITMENT IN ADVANCE AS TO PROGRAM ASSISTANCE
HAS BEEN MADE TO ORGANIZERS. UTM IS HANDLING ALL
ARRANGEMENTS AND NO RPT NO REQUIREMENT FOR EMBASSY
SERVICES FORESEEN. HOWEVER, APPROPRIATE COURTESIES AND
EMBASSY COMMENTS AS TO CONFERENCE RESULTS AND POSSIBLE
FOLLOW-UP WOULD BE APPRECIATED. VANCE

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